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MEMORANDUM FOR: TALENT Control Officer  
Central Intelligence Agency  
ATTN: Mr. James Q. Reber

Subject: Establishment of TALENT Control Office  
for OSD/JCS

It is requested that steps be taken to formalize current working relationships in the TALENT field, by establishing a TALENT Control Office to serve the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the Joint Staff Organization.

The TALENT Control Office would continue an additional function of the Special Security Office for OSD and JCS.

Formalization of the current method of processing documents under the TALENT system, in order to provide a direct means of receipt and processing of documents and related material, is essential to permit the necessary level of intelligence support to appropriately indoctrinated key individuals of the OSD/JCS Organizations.

The TALENT Control Officer for OSD/JCS will be Commander Ross R. Hirshfeld, U. S. Navy, currently designated by name by the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, with concurrence of the Secretary of Defense, as Special Security Officer, OSD/JCS. Names of personnel attached to the SSO who are authorized to receive and process TALENT information are indicated in the Enclosure, together with current status of appropriate clearances. Special storage and handling procedures are already in effect for document control.

Subsequent to formalization of status of the SSO, OSD/JCS as TCO, OSD/JCS additions or deletions to the list of personnel in the SSO authorized to receive such documents will be made by memorandum to the TCO, CIA, over the signature

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of the SSO, TCO or Acting SSO/TCO. Individual personnel clearances for SSO/TCO personnel, as well as for OSD/JCS recipients, will continue to be effected by the appropriate Service TCO.

RICHARD COLLINS  
Brigadier General, USA  
Deputy Director for Intelligence  
The Joint Staff

15 August 1957

TSO

Pursuant to our telephone conversation of this afternoon, I approve. If you concur, will you inform the JCS, also advising them re the security aspects.

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JAMES Q. REBER  
CIA TALENT Control Officer

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- 2-TCO file

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